

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2015-091707

03/16/2016

HONORABLE DAVID M. TALAMANTE

CLERK OF THE COURT
M. Kay
Deputy

TAMMY CARLSON, et al.

ZAHEER A. SHAH

v.

PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS OF ARIZONA P C,
et al.

JAMES K KLOSS

NEIL C ALDEN
CHARLES S HOVER III
DANIEL W MCCARTHY

COMPREHENSIVE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE SET/
ORDER TO FILE JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

IT IS ORDERED setting a Telephonic Rule 16 Comprehensive Pretrial Conference on
May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. (Time allotted: 30 minutes) before:

HONORABLE DAVID TALAMANTE
SOUTHEAST ADULT FACILITY
222 EAST JAVELINA - COURTROOM 207
MESA AZ 85210

NOTE: Counsel for the Plaintiff is to initiate the telephonic conference by first arranging the presence of all other counsel or self-represented parties on the conference call and by calling this division at (602) 506-6251 promptly at the scheduled time.

Counsel for the Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s) are to meet personally before the Pretrial Conference to discuss those subjects listed under ARCP, Rule 16(b). Counsel for Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s) shall prepare and file a Joint Pretrial Conference Memorandum no later than

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5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2016 addressing all applicable subjects listed under ARCP, Rule 16(b) and, **IN ADDITION, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE CASE, THE ISSUES, AND EACH PARTY'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUES, AND THE ESTIMATED LENGTH OF THE TRIAL.**

If counsel are unable to agree on any of the items in the Joint Pretrial Conference Memorandum, the reasons for their inability to agree shall be set forth in the memorandum.

Counsel are reminded that the Court may impose sanctions against counsel and/or their client for failure to participate in good faith in the Joint Pretrial Conference Memorandum or the Pretrial Conference.

NOTE: All court proceedings are recorded by audio and video method and not by a court reporter. Pursuant to Local Rule 2.22, if a party desires a court reporter for any proceeding in which a court reporter is not mandated by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 30, the party must submit a written request to the assigned judicial officer at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of the hearing, and must pay the authorized fee to the Clerk of the Court at least two (2) judicial days before the proceeding. The fee is \$140 for a half-day and \$280 for a full day.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

Counsel and/or the parties are to meet personally to discuss all of the matters set forth in Rule 16(b), Ariz. R. Civ. P. Counsel and/or the parties shall prepare and file with the Court, no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016**, a Joint Report and proposed Scheduling Order, for discovery, motion and disclosure deadlines.

If the parties agree to the dates, they should prepare an Order **in the form attached hereto**, containing the provisions which are applicable to their case. For example, paragraph one of the Order set forth below need not be included in the parties' proposed Order if the parties intend to disclose their experts' identity and opinions at the same time they disclose their experts' areas of testimony. Similarly, if the parties agree to simultaneously disclose the identity and opinions of their expert witnesses, they need not include in their proposed Order the language set forth in paragraph 2a. and b., below.

The proposed Order shall include specific dates (01/01/2016 rather than 45 days from close of discovery). Do not incorporate a firm trial date in the proposed Order.

If counsel are unable to agree on any of the items that are to be included in the Order, the reasons for their inability to agree shall be set forth in their proposed Order.

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The Court will review the proposed Scheduling Order. If all is in order, the Court will set a status conference close to the discovery cutoff date. At the status conference, if the parties have completed discovery and are ready for trial, the Court will set firm dates for the final pretrial management conference and the trial. If the parties are not ready for trial, the matter may be placed on the Dismissal Calendar for dismissal within 60 days.

If counsel feel a pretrial conference is still necessary at this stage of the litigation, they should address the reasons why in the first paragraph of the proposed Scheduling Order.

If a Joint proposed Scheduling Order is not timely submitted, the Court will place the matter on the Dismissal Calendar.

[PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court has reviewed the parties' Joint Proposed Scheduling Order and adopts and/or modifies the days as follows:

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The parties shall mutually and simultaneously disclose areas of expert testimony by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016. [or]**
 - a. Plaintiffs shall disclose areas of expert testimony by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
 - b. Defendants shall disclose areas of expert testimony by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
2. The parties shall mutually and simultaneously disclose the identity and opinions of their expert witnesses by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016. [or]**
 - a. Plaintiffs shall disclose the identity and opinions of their expert witnesses by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
 - b. Defendants shall disclose the identity and opinions of their expert witnesses by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
3. Any and all discovery requests shall be served by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**

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4. The parties shall disclose all non-expert witnesses by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
[or]
 - a. Plaintiffs shall disclose areas of non-expert testimony by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
 - b. Defendants shall disclose areas of non-expert testimony by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
5. The parties shall mutually and simultaneously disclose their rebuttal expert witnesses and opinions by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
6. All discovery shall be concluded by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
7. The parties shall have exchanged up-to-date final Rule 26.1 Supplemental Disclosure Statements by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.** This Order does not replace the parties' obligation to seasonably disclose on an on-going basis under Rule 26.1 as information becomes available.
8. Settlement conference (choose one):

The parties shall participate in private mediation by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016;**

OR

The parties shall participate in a mandatory Settlement Conference. This case is referred to the Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution for the appointment of a judge *pro tempore* to conduct a settlement conference. Counsel and/or the parties will receive a minute entry from ADR appointing the judge *pro tempore*. Counsel and any "pro per" parties will contact the appointed judge *pro tempore* to arrange the date, time, and location for the settlement conference. The judge *pro tempore* is requested to conduct a settlement conference not later than **(at least 90 days out), 2016.** The Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution will not do the scheduling of the settlement conference so please do not contact that office. If counsel prefer to use a private mediator to conduct the Settlement Conference, a Stipulation and Order re: Alternative to ADR must be presented to the Court by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**

All counsel and their clients, or non-lawyer representatives who have full and complete authority to settle the case, shall personally appear and participate in

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good faith in the Settlement Conference. Sanctions may be imposed for failure to participate.

9. No expert witnesses, expert opinions, lay witnesses, or exhibits shall be used at trial other than those disclosed in a timely manner, except for good cause shown or written agreement of the parties.
10. All pretrial motions, other than motions *in limine*, must be filed by **5:00 p.m. on _____, 2016.**
11. A **Telephonic Pretrial Status/Scheduling Conference** is set for _____, 2016 at _____ a.m./p.m. (the Court will set this hearing date) for the purpose of assigning a trial date if the case has not settled. Counsel shall have their trial calendars available. Counsel for Plaintiff shall initiate the telephonic conference by first arranging the presence of all other counsel on the conference call and by calling this division at: **(602) 506-6251** promptly at the scheduled time.

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12. Should any discovery disputes arise, counsel, prior to filing discovery motions, shall meet and confer pursuant to Rule 37, Ariz.R.Civ.P.
13. The dates set forth in this Order are FIRM dates and will not be extended or modified by this Court absent good cause. Lack of preparation will not ordinarily be considered good cause.

Dated: _____

HONORABLE DAVID M. TALAMANTE
JUDICIAL OFFICER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT